

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/AU2004/000879

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: A01G 31/00, C09K 19/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC: AS ABOVE

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT & JAPIO (Search terms: turf, rubber, bitumen)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 2002/034860 A (HUDSON, Michael James) 2 May 2002 See whole document	1-49
A	US 4,007,307 A (FRIEDRICH) 8 February 1977 Whole document	1
A	AU 52615/99 (712740) B (PROTRAK AUSTRALIA PTY LTD) 30 October 1996 Whole document	1
A	US 4,852,870 A (HAWKINS et al.) 1 August 1989 Whole document	1

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C

☒ See patent family annex

* Special categories of cited documents:	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&" document member of the same patent family
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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

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A	Patent Abstract of Japan, JP 57-044661 A (HITACHI CHEM CO LTD) 13 March 1982 Abstract	1

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## Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 50  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
As presently drafted, the claim is directed to a method of doing business and therefore does not comply with Article 17(2)(a)(i) and Rule 39.1(iii).
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

## Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-44 and 48-49 are directed to a turf and a method of producing and using the turf.
  2. Claim 45-46 are directed to advertising indicia.
  3. Claim 47 is directed to maintaining a sport playing surface.
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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
  2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
  3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

### Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
WO	0234860	AU	11149/01	EP	1332197
US	4007307	AT	392374	AT	867671
		CH	534759	DE	2051108
		FR	2111679	GB	1320868
		NL	7114139	NL	8103155
AU	712740	AU	52615/96	WO	9632174
US	4852870	AR	241227	AU	67541/87
		CA	1272531	DK	14787
		GB	2185490	IN	172631
		US	4792133	JP	62225604
JP	57044661				
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